## **CLAIMS**

## 1. A compound having the formula I

$$\mathbb{R}^{3} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{N}} \mathbb{R}^{7} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{N}} \mathbb{Q} \mathbb{P} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{N}} \mathbb{Q}^{1})_{n}$$

wherein:

ring P is C<sub>6-10</sub>aryl, C<sub>3-7</sub>cycloalkyl, C<sub>5-6</sub>heteroaryl, which ring P may be fused with phenyl, C<sub>5-6</sub>heteroaryl, C<sub>3-7</sub>cycloalkyl or C<sub>3-7</sub>heterocycloalkyl;

R<sup>1</sup> is NO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, halo, N(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkynyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>haloalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>haloalkylO, phenylC<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>5-6</sub>heteroarylC<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-7</sub>cycloalkylC<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl,

 $C_{3-7}$ heterocycloalkyl $C_{0-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl $OC_{0-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl $OC_{0-6}$ alkyl or

10  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl $NC_{0-6}$ alkyl;

n is 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5;

X is O or S, when

 $R^3$  is H,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ haloalkyl,  $R^5$ OC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl,  $R^5$ OCO,  $R^5$ CO,  $NR^5R^6$ CO,  $NR^5R^6$ CO<sub>4-6</sub>alkyl,  $C_{2-6}$ alkylOC<sub>4-6</sub>alkyl or hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; and

 $R^4$  is nil; or

X is N, when

 $R^3$  is H,  $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1\text{-}6}$ iodoalkyl,  $C_{1\text{-}6}$ bromoalkyl,  $C_{1\text{-}6}$ chloroalkyl,  $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyl $C_{0\text{-}6}$ alkyl,  $R^5OC_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyl,  $R^5CO$ ,  $R^5CO2$ ,  $NR^5R^6CO$ ,  $NR^5R^6C_{0\text{-}6}$ alkyl or  $C_{2\text{-}6}$ alkyl, and  $R^4$  is H,  $C_{1\text{-}4}$ alkyl, hydroxy $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyl or  $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyl); or

20 X is N, when R³ is C<sub>1-6</sub>fluoroalkyl or hydroxyC<sub>1-2</sub>alkyl and R⁴ is H;
R⁵ and R⁶ are independently selected from H, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>6-10</sub>aryl, C<sub>5-6</sub>heteroaryl,
C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylSO<sub>2</sub> and C<sub>1-3</sub> alkylCO;
R³ and R³ are independently selected from H, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, halo, cyano, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylOC<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl,

25  $\mathbb{R}^9$  is H or  $\mathbb{C}_{1-6}$ alkyl;

OH, NO<sub>2</sub> and COR<sup>9</sup>, N(R<sup>9</sup>)<sub>2</sub>;

and wherein any alkyl, alkylOalkyl, haloalkyl, haloalkylO, phenyl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl or heterocycloalkyl group may be substituted with one or more A; and

A is OH, NO<sub>2</sub>,  $R^9CO$ ,  $R^9O(CO)$ ,  $N(R^9)_2$ ,  $R^9S$ ,  $R^9SO_2$ , halo or  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl $OC_{0-6}$ alkyl, or salts, solvates or solvated salts thereof.

- 2. The compound according to claim 1 wherein
- ring P is  $C_{6-10}$ aryl,  $C_{5-6}$ heteroaryl, which ring P may be fused with  $C_{3-7}$ heterocycloalkyl;

$$\begin{split} R^1 \text{ is NO}_2, NH_2, \text{ halo, } N(C_{1\text{-}6}alkyl)_2, C_{1\text{-}6}alkyl, C_{2\text{-}6}alkenyl, C_{1\text{-}6}haloalkyl, \\ C_{1\text{-}6}haloalkylO, \text{ phenylC}_{0\text{-}6}alkyl, C_{3\text{-}7}heterocycloalkylC_{0\text{-}6}alkyl, C_{1\text{-}6}alkylOC_{0\text{-}6}alkyl \text{ or } \\ C_{1\text{-}6}alkylSC_{0\text{-}6}alkyl; \end{split}$$

n is 1, 2 or 3;

X is O or S, when

 $R^3$  is  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $NR^5R^6CO$ ,  $NR^5R^6C_{0-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{2-6}$ alkenyl $OC_{0-6}$ alkyl or hydroxy $C_{1-6}$ alkyl; and  $R^4$  is nil; or

X is N, when

15  $R^3$  is H or  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl; and

R<sup>4</sup> is C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl or hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; or

X is N, when R<sup>3</sup> is C<sub>1-6</sub>fluoroalkyl and R<sup>4</sup> is H;

R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> are independently selected from H, C<sub>6-10</sub>aryl, C<sub>5-6</sub>heteroaryl,

C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylSO<sub>2</sub> and C<sub>1-3</sub> alkylCO;

R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> are independently selected from H, halo and cyano; and wherein any alkyl, phenyl, heteroaryl group may be substituted with one or more A; and

A is OH, NO<sub>2</sub>, halo or C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylOC<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl.

- 25 3. The compound according to any one of claims 1 or 2 wherein X is S and R<sup>3</sup> is methyl.
  - 4. The compound according to any one of claims 1 or 2 wherein X is O and  $R^3$  is  $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyl or hydroxy $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyl.
- 5. The compound according to any one of claims 1 or 2 wherein X is N and R<sup>3</sup> is C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl and R<sup>4</sup> is C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl or hydroxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl.

- 6. The compound according to any one of claims 1 to 5 wherein ring P is phenyl and R<sup>1</sup> is NO<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>2</sub>, halo, N(C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl)<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl, C<sub>2-6</sub>alkynyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>haloalkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>haloalkylO, phenylC<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>5-6</sub>heteroarylC<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-7</sub>cycloalkylC<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-7</sub>heterocycloalkylC<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylOC<sub>0-6</sub>alkyl,
- $C_{1-6}$ alkyl $SC_{0-6}$ alkyl or  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl $NC_{0-6}$ alkyl optionally substituted with one or more A.
  - 7. The compound according to any one of claims 1 to 5 wherein ring P is pyrazolyl, pyridine, benzdioxolane, furan, thiophene or naphthalene.
- 8. Compounds selected from the group consisting of 3-Fluoro-N-(2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)-4-trifluoromethyl-benzamide, 2-tert-Butyl-5-methyl-2H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)-amide,
  - 2-Fluoro-N-(2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)-4-trifluoromethyl-benzamide,
- 2-Fluoro-N-(2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)-3-trifluoromethyl-benzamide,
  - 4-Fluoro-N-(2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)-3-trifluoromethyl-benzamide,
  - 3,4-Dimethyl-N-(2-methyl-benzothiazol-5-yl)-benzamide,
  - 2,2-Difluoro-benzo[1,3]dioxole-5-carboxylic acid (2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)-amide, N-(2-Methyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)-6-trifluoromethyl-nicotinamide,
- 20 N-(2-Methyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)-4-propyl-benzamide,
  - 3-Iodo-N-(2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)-benzamide,
  - 2,5-Dimethyl-furan-3-carboxylic acid (2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)-amide,
  - 5-tert-Butyl-2-methyl-furan-3-carboxylic acid (2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)-amide,
  - 4-Bromo-3-methyl-N-(2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)-benzamide,
- 25 3,4-Difluoro-N-(2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)-benzamide,
  - 3-Chloro-2-fluoro-N-(2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)-benzamide,
  - Pyridine-2-carboxylic acid (2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)-amide,
  - $\hbox{$2$-Benzyl-5-tert-butyl-$2$$$H$-pyrazole-3$-carboxylic acid ($2$-methyl-1,3$-benzothiazol-$5$-yl)-amide,}$
- 3-Fluoro-4-trifluoromethyl-N-(2-trifluoromethyl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-benzamide,
  - 2-Fluoro-5-trifluoromethyl-N-(2-trifluoromethyl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-benzamide,
  - 4-Chloro-N-(2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)-benzamide,

- 1-Phenyl-5-trifluoromethyl-1H-pyrazole-3-carboxylic acid (2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)-amide,
- 1-Phenyl-5-propyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxylic acid (2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)-amide,
- 2,3-Difluoro-N-(2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)-4-trifluoromethyl-benzamide,
- 5 3-Fluoro-4-methyl-N-(2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)-benzamide,
  - 4-tert-Butyl-N-(2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)-benzamide,
  - 4-Ethyl-N-(2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)-benzamide,
  - 4-tert-Butyl-N-(2-methyl-benzooxazol-5-yl)-benzamide,
  - Biphenyl-4-carboxylic acid (2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)-amide,
- 3-Bromo-thiophene-2-carboxylic acid (2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)-amide,
  - 4-Bromo-2-methyl-N-(2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)-benzamide,
  - 4-tert-Butoxy-N-(2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)-benzamide,
  - 2-Chloro-3,4-dimethoxy-N-(2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)-benzamide,
  - 4-Iodo-N-(2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)-benzamide,
- 4-Amino-N-(2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)-3-nitro-benzamide,
  - N-(2-Methyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)-4-vinyl-benzamide,
  - 4-Ethoxy-N-(2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)-benzamide,
  - 4-Ethylsulfanyl-N-(2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)-benzamide,
  - 4-Dimethylamino-naphthalene-1-carboxylic acid (2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)-amide,
- 2-Fluoro-6-iodo-N-(2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)-benzamide,
  - 4-Ethoxymethyl-N-(2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)-benzamide,
  - N-(2-Methyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)-4-trifluoromethoxy-benzamide, and
  - 4-Chloro-3-fluoro-N-(2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)-benzamide,
  - 4-tert-Butyl-N-(2-formyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)-benzamide,
- 4-tert-Butyl-N-(2-hydroxymethyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)-benzamide,
  - 5-(4-tert-butylbenzoylamino)-1,3-benzothiazol-2-ylcarboxylic acid, and
  - 4-tert-Butyl-N-(2-methoxycarbonyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)-benzamide,
  - 4-tert-Butoxy-N-[2-(hydroxymethyl)-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl]benzamide,
  - 4-Bromo-N-[2-(hydroxymethyl)-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl]benzamide,
- N-[2-(Hydroxymethyl)-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl]-4-iodobenzamide,
  - N-[2-(Hydroxymethyl)-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl]-4-morpholin-4-ylbenzamide,
  - N-{2-[(Allyloxy)methyl]-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl}-4-morpholin-4-ylbenzamide,

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- N-[2-(Hydroxymethyl)-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl]-1-phenyl-5-propyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide,
- 1-tert-Butyl-N-[2-(hydroxymethyl)-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl]-3-methyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamide,
- 5 4-(Ethoxymethyl)-N-[2-(hydroxymethyl)-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl]benzamide,
  - N-[2-(Hydroxymethyl)-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl]-1-phenyl-1H-pyrazole-5-carboxamide,
  - 4-Bromo-N-[2-(hydroxymethyl)-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl]-2-methylbenzamide,
  - 4-tert-Butoxy-N-(2-methyl-1,3-benzoxazol-5-yl) benzamide,
  - N-(4-Bromo-2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)-4-tert-butylbenzamide,
- 4-tert-Butyl-N-(4,7-dibromo-2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)benzamide,
  - N-[2-(hydroxymethyl)-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl]-1-phenyl-5-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide,
    - 4-Iodo-N-(2-methyl-5-benzothiazolyl)benzamide,
    - 4-(tert-Butoxymethyl)-N-[2-(hydroxymethyl)-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl]benzamide,
- N-(1,2-Dimethyl-1H-benzimidazol-5-yl)-4-iodobenzamide,
  - 4-tert-Butyl-N-(2-{[(2-methoxypyridin-3-yl)amino]methyl}-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)benzamide,
  - 4-tert-Butyl-N-[2-(1-hydroxyethyl)-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl]benzamide,
  - 4-tert-Butyl-N-{2-[(1H-pyrazol-3-ylamino)methyl]-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl}benzamide,
- 4-(1,1-Dimethylethyl)-N-[2-[[(4-nitrophenyl)amino]methyl]-5-benzothiazolyl]-benzamide, N-[2-(Aminomethyl)-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl]-4-tert-butylbenzamide.
  - 4-tert-Butyl-N-(2-{[(methylsulfonyl)amino]methyl}-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)benzamide,
  - N-{2-[(Acetylamino)methyl]-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl}-4-tert-butylbenzamide,
  - 5-[(4-tert-Butylbenzoyl)amino]-1,3-benzothiazole-2-carboxamide,
- N-1,3-Benzothiazol-5-yl-4-tert-butylbenzamide,
  - 4-Chloro-N-[2-(hydroxymethyl)-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl]benzamide,
  - 1-(4-chlorophenyl)-N-[2-(hydroxymethyl)-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl]-5-propyl-1H-pyrazole-4-carboxamide,
  - 1-(4-chlorophenyl)-N-[2-(hydroxymethyl)-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl]-5-(trifluoromethyl)-1H-
- 30 pyrazole-4-carboxamide,
  - N-(2,4-dimethyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)-4-(1-hydroxy-1-methylethyl)benzamide,
  - 4-(Hydroxymethyl)-N-[2-(hydroxymethyl)-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl]benzamide and

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- 4-tert-butyl-N-(4-cyano-2-methyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)benzamide,
- *N*-[2-(Hydroxymethyl)-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl]-4-[2,2,2-trifluoro-1-hydroxy-1-(trifluoromethyl)ethyl]benzamide,
- N-[2-(Hydroxymethyl)-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl]-4-isopropoxybenzamide,
- 4-Bromo-2-chloro-N-[2-(hydroxymethyl)-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl]benzamide,
  - 4-Bromo-2-fluoro-N-[2-(hydroxymethyl)-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl]benzamide,
  - N-[2-(Hydroxymethyl)-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl]-4-(morpholin-4-ylmethyl)benzamide,
  - 3-Fluoro-N-[2-(hydroxymethyl)-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl]-4-(trifluoromethyl)benzamide,
  - 4-tert-butoxy-N-[4-chloro-2-(hydroxymethyl)-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl]benzamide,
- 4-(tert-Butoxymethyl)-N-[4-chloro-2-(hydroxymethyl)-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl]benzamide, and
  - 4-tert-butyl-N-[2-(hydroxymethyl)-1,3-benzoxazol-5-yl]benzamide, or salts, solvates or solvated salts thereof.
- 9. A pharmaceutical composition comprising as active ingredient a therapeutically effective amount of the compound according to any one of claims 1 to 8, in association with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable diluents, excipients and/or inert carriers.
  - 10. The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 9, for use in the treatment of VR1 mediated disorders and for treatment of acute and chronic pain disorders, acute and chronic neuropathic pain and acute and chronic inflammatory pain.
    - 11. The compound according to any one of claims 1 to 8, for use in therapy.
- 12. Use of the compounds of formula I according to any one of claims 1 to 8, in the manufacture of a medicament for treatment of VR1 mediated disorders.
  - 13. The use according to claim 12 for treatment of acute and chronic pain disorders.
- 14. The use according to claim 12 for treatment of acute and chronic neuropathic pain.
  - 15. The use according to claim 12 for treatment of acute and chronic inflammatory pain.

- 16. The use according to claim 12 for treatment of arthritis, fibromyalgia, low back pain, post-operative pain, visceral pains like chronic pelvic pain, cystitis, irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), pancreatitis, ischeamic, sciatia, diabetic neuropathy, multiple sclerosis, interstitial cystitis and pain related to interstitial cystitis, HIV neuropathy, asthma, cough and inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), gastro-esophageal reflux disease (GERD), psoriasis, cancer, emesis, urinary incontinence and hyperactive bladder.
- 17. The use according to claim 12 for treatment of respiratory diseases.

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- 18. A method of treatment of VR1 mediated disorders and for treatment of acute and chronic pain disorders, acute and chronic neuropathic pain and acute and chronic inflammatory pain, and respiratory diseases, comprising administrering to a mammal, including man in need of such treatment, a therapeutically effective amount of the compounds of formula I, according to any one of claims 1 to 8.
- 19. Compounds selected from the group consisiting of allyl (5-amino-1,3-benzothiazol-2-yl)methyl carbonate, 4-tert-Butyl-N-(2-formyl-1,3-benzothiazol-5-yl)-benzamide, and 4-Bromo-2-methyl-benzothiazol-5-ylamine, and 4-chloro-2-methyl-benzothiazole-5-ylamine.
  - 20. Use of compounds according to claim 19 as intermediates in the preparation of the compound of formula I.